

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY Bureau of Alcohol.

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## PREPARATION OF FORMS 2733 AND 2637

Proprietors of distilled spirits plants, and others concerned:

The purpose of this circular is to inform you of an ATF Procedure to be published soon in the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bulletin. This procedure revises information to be reported on Forms 2733 and 2637. The procedure reads substantially as follows:

ATF Proc. 75-2 dated 2/28/75

# SECTION 1. PURPOSE.

The Director has determined that a further breakdown of products should be reported by proprietors of distilled spirits plant bottling premises for statistical purposes. Accordingly, the information required to be reported on Form 2733, Monthly Report of Bottling Premises Operations, and Form 2637, Bottling Tank Report, is revised effective July 1, 1975.

# SEC. 2. BACKGROUND.

ATF Procedure 73-2, C.B. 1973, 113, revised the categories of blended whisky to be reported on Form 2733 and Form 2637. The instructions in the procedure and on Form 2733 and Form 2637 resulted in confusion for some proprietors as evidenced by erroneous reporting and requests for clarification. As a consequence, the Director has determined that additional categories and instructions are necessary to ensure the accuracy of the statistical data obtained from the reports.

The quantities of imported whiskies bottled in the U.S. have grown substantially in recent years and these whiskies now comprise a substantial part of the total whiskies bottled, requiring a further breakdown in the categories of imported whiskies.

Similarly, the quantities of cordials, liqueurs, specialties, cocktails and mixed drinks bottled in the U.S. have grown substantially and require a further breakdown.

Additional lines for reporting Virgin Island rum, Puerto Rican rum and tequila are also provided to ease the burden of reporting and accumulating the statistics.

#### SEC. 3. FORM 2733.

Form 2733, Part III, is revised to provide additional and revised entries for reporting categories of distilled spirits. These are named and explained in detail below.

## .01 Blended straight whisky.

On line 2 report only blends of straight whiskies all of which are at least four years old, containing no neutral spirits and no light whisky. This category includes blends rectified but exempt from rectification tax under 26 CFR 201.444.

## .02 Blended whisky with neutral spirits.

On line 3(a) report only blended whisky containing at least 20% straight whisky, and the balance, neutral spirits.

## .03 Blended whisky with light whisky.

On line 3(b) report only blended whisky containing at least 20% straight whisky, and the balance, light whisky.

## .04 Blended light whisky.

On line 4 report only light whisky blended with more than 2 1/2% but less than 20% straight whisky and containing no neutral spirits. Do not include light whisky merely mixed with up to 2 1/2% blending material but without additional straight whisky.

### .05 Other blended whisky.

On line 5 report any other blend of 100% whiskies.

#### .06 Imported whisky.

On lines 6(a), 6(b) and 6(c) report the wine gallon amounts of imported bulk whiskies as appropriate.

## .07 Rum.

On lines 10(a), 10(b) and 10(c) report Virgin Island, Puerto Rican and other rums as appropriate.

## .08 Cordials, liqueurs and specialties.

On line 13 report cordials, liqueurs and specialties (including flavored whiskies, gins, vodkas and brandies). These products may be identified by referring to the Universal Numeric Code (600-699) listed on the approved Form 1649, Application for an Certification of Label Approval Under Federal Alcohol Administration Act.

## .09 Cocktails and mixed drinks.

On line 14 report cocktails and mixed drinks. These products may be identified by referring to the Universal Numeric Code (700-799) listed on the approved Form 1649, Application for and Certification of Label Approval Under Federal Alcohol Administration Act.

## .10 Tequila.

On line 15 report tequila. This product is identified in 27 CFR 5.22.

## SEC. 4. FORM 2637.

Footnote 1 to Form 2637 is revised to conform to the categories of distilled spirits to be reported on revised Form 2733. On Form 2637 report categories of rectified distilled spirits in item 3h, "Kind of Product", in conformity with the categories required to be reported on Form 2733.

### SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The effective date of this procedure is July 1, 1975. The July 1975 revision of Form 2733 will be used commencing with the July 1975 Monthly Report of Bottling Premises Operations (required to be submitted in August 1975). The July 1975 revision of Form 2637 will be used after June 30, 1975.

#### SEC. 6. INQUIRIES.

Inquiries regarding this procedure should refer to its number and be addressed to the office of your regional director.

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